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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 3, 2009

Approved
9/28/2009

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	PUBLIC	HIV EPI AND OAPP STAFF	COMM STAFF/CONSULTANTS
Carla Bailey, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Eric Daar	Dean Page	Michael Green	Jane Nachazel
Anthony Braswell, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Jeff Goodman			Glenda Pinney
Al Ballesteros	Michael Johnson			Jim Stewart
Nettie DeAugustine	Angelica Palmeros			Craig Vincent-Jones
Whitney Engeran-Cordova	Kathy Watt			Nicole Werner
Lee Kochems	Fariba Younai			
Brad Land				
Mario Pérez				

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Braswell called the meeting to order at 10:10 am.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
MOTION #1: Approve the Agenda Order (*Passed by Consensus*).
3. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**
MOTION #2: Approve the 3/30/2009, 6/1/2009 and 6/29/2009 Executive Committee Meeting minutes (*Passed by Consensus*).
4. **PARLIAMENTARIAN REMARKS:** There were no remarks.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT, NON-AGENDIZED:** There were no comments.
6. **COMMISSION COMMENT, NON-AGENDIZED:** Mr. Page urged a budget cut rally and challenged consumers to step up.
7. **PUBLIC/COMMISSION COMMENT FOLLOW-UP:** There were no comments.
8. **CO-CHAIRS' REPORT:** Mr. Braswell reported that he, Mr. Vincent-Jones, Ms. Bailey, Mr. Goodman and Ms. Watt will met with Jonathan Freedman and OAPP representatives on 7/30/2009 in ongoing discussions about the Commission/OAPP relationship.
9. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - A. **Joint Public Policy (JPP):**
 1. **State Budget Cuts:**
 - Mr. Engeran-Cordova recommended beginning the 8/13/2009 Commission report on the impact of cuts. Information can follow on responses like rallies, other advocacy and lawsuits since responses, at best, will not stop immediate effects, but only mitigate them in future.

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- Mr. Pérez agreed to skip the broad overview of the budget and deal directly with the approximately \$14 million State cut to the County in direct grants to OAPP, direct State grants to Home-Based Case Management providers and Therapeutic Monitoring Program (TMP) vouchers distributed by OAPP to medical providers for redemption at public health laboratories.
- Currently, OAPP is operating with about a \$1 million deficit per month as cuts were retroactive to 7/1/2009. The longer decisions are delayed, the greater the impact to services due to accumulated deficits. OAPP discussed ways to reduce TMP costs at the Medical Advisory Committee meeting on 7/31/2009, e.g., reducing viral loads from four to two annually for stable clients.
- No FY 2009 Part A cuts are expected. OA could adjust the County's Part B allocation of about \$5 million. Mr. Braswell noted the impact of cuts on the Ryan White Part A FY 2010 needs to be assessed as well.
- The State Office of AIDS (OA) seems to have reviewed its proposals on how to address cuts, including federal OA-managed resources. Results of that review are expected shortly. Some 1,000 OA surveys were returned, but it is not known how OA is weighting or using them to inform decisions.
- Mr. Pérez reported OAPP inventoried the cuts in the context of all HIV funding streams to the continuum of care—Ryan White, CDC and NCC. Preliminary recommendations have been developed and shared with Public Health, Commission and PPC leadership. OAPP plans to review proposals with other County departments in the near future. The PPC Executive Subcommittee has already provided OAPP with its HE/RR priorities.
- OAPP plans to send notices to its service provider partners on 8/14/2009 after the Commission's 8/13/2009 deliberations and, hopefully, decisions on FY 2009 revisions.
- Mr. Pérez said OAPP has about 90 provider partners with about a dozen County partners and many private non-profits. Funding mixes vary, but several streams have been cut, e.g., substance abuse, mental health, HIV/AIDS. Viability will rest on diversity of an agency's portfolio and its mix of federal, state, county and private resources.
- Mr. Ballesteros noted smaller agencies are less likely to be able to weather cuts than larger ones. Access problems—a Commission concern—may develop in some areas depending on viability of various agencies.
- Ms. DeAugustine said Long Beach will target all prevention funds to testing, as that is all that can be funded now. She also reported that Long Beach has already sent out letters cancelling their subcontracts.
- Mr. Braswell emphasized these cuts will shred the safety net. He concurred with Ms. Watt about the need to return to a more volunteer-driven system to help plug gaps not covered by paid staff. Mr. Kochems noted the volunteer pool has changed as many volunteers in the past were PWA unable to work.
- Mr. Vincent-Jones raised the risk that OA will divert State funds from Los Angeles and San Francisco based on their receipt of federal funds. Ms. DeAugustine reported speaking to OA several times recently and is sure, at the least, not all funds will be diverted. Mr. Vincent-Jones advised continued pressure, including on the Legislature and the State's Department of Public Health for funding to follow the burden of disease.
- Mr. Vincent-Jones noted that, on the positive side, ADAP and surveillance had been preserved. ADAP, however, was preserved by backfilling it with resources from the rebate reserve fund, which will be expended in FY 2010.
- Mr. Engeran-Cordova said Assemblyman John Pérez and others are discussing a legal challenge to the Governor's line item vetoes. While the Governor has the Constitutional authority to use the line item veto on appropriations, it is not clear that it applies to revisions of a previously passed budget. Some form of legal action is expected, but only a judge could halt the budget process. In any case, it would only affect line item veto cuts and would take time to impact resources.
- ➡ The SOC Committee will review Commission standards of care to ensure consistency with final recommendations, e.g., for TMP, two rather than four annual viral loads are the minimum for clients who are stable.
- ➡ Mr. Vincent-Jones will contact CHIPTS to suggest access issues are included in the research they are launching on the effect of budget cuts on community health. He will report back to the Committee.
- ➡ Mr. Land suggested mortality data review to assess impacts. It now requires both "cause" and "underlying cause."
- ➡ Agreed responses:
 1. Continued advocacy to the State Department of Public Health not to divert the State's federal funds from LAC.
 2. Increase advocacy on the importance of Ryan White reauthorization and the merits of federal intervention to assist California.
 3. A Policy Brief on the cuts is being updated.
 4. A candlelight protest vigil is scheduled for 8/11/2009. Significant attendance is critical for a positive media message. The rally responds both to current cuts and lays the groundwork to defend FY 2010 funding. All agencies must work to inform consumers and staff. Flyers are being prepared. Provider and governmental organizations can facilitate the rally, but more dramatic actions are the purview of individuals.

B. Priorities and Planning (P&P):

1. FY 2009/2010 Allocations:

- Mr. Vincent-Jones said meetings were scheduled for 8/4/2009 and 8/5/2009, 1:30 to 4:30 pm. They will first address YR 2009 revisions in lieu of additional State budget cuts for 8/13/2009 Commission meeting consideration.
- Mr. Braswell encouraged Executive Committee members to attend the P&P meetings to provide support.
- An updated Policy Brief on the budget cuts will be distributed as quickly as possible to inform people on the issues. People are always welcome to call the office if they have additional questions. Mr. Braswell emphasized all discussions should be prefaced with the fact that these are unprecedented cuts that hark back to the early epidemic.
- YR 2010 allocations will also need to be revised. FY 2010 contingency planning is pending.
- Mr. Land suggested a press conference after the Commission meeting. He added the *Los Angeles Times* was doing a series on State budget cuts. As it had not yet addressed HIV/AIDS, serious input could be valuable.
- ➡ Mr. Braswell will coordinate with his media person and Mr. Vincent-Jones to develop a media plan.
- ➡ Commission staff will conduct a Commissioner call-down to urge 8/13/2009 attendance. August meetings usually are sparsely attended and have been cancelled barring urgent business. It is essential to ensure a vote on FY 2009 revision proposals, so a special Executive Committee will be scheduled after the Commission meeting in case Commission quorum is not reached. The Executive Committee can vote on the Commission's behalf, if needed.

C. Operations:

1. SPA 5 Meet the Grantee Meeting:

- Mr. Vincent-Jones said the meeting was cancelled both due to poor response and possible conflict with a budget vigil. It will be rescheduled as a joint meeting with SPA 4, which has a larger population than SPA 5.
- Mr. Engeran-Cordova suggested a meeting in SPA 8, where interest is high, to generate momentum. Mr. Vincent-Jones reported that it had been recommended that two joint SPA 6 and 8 meetings be held—one in Long Beach and other in Inglewood—to ease transportation and logistic concerns. He responded that they could move forward with that plan next.

D. Standards of Care (SOC):

- Mr. Vincent-Jones said Housing Standards of Care should be ready for public comment release at the 8/13/2009 meeting.
- There have been several questions about standards of care for Health Insurance Premiums/Cost Sharing. This is a pilot program allocated to support the development of a standard that locally complements statewide CARE/HIPP.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Mr. Vincent-Jones has reviewed the Commission budget and identified cuts totaling at least 10%. Deeper cuts will require discussion with the Executive Office. He will keep Commission Co-Chairs advised.
- The 8/13/2009 Commission meeting would have been cancelled except for the need to revise FY 2009 allocations in lieu of the budget cuts. There is no other pressing business.
- Mr. Engeran-Cordova said all should be prepared to address policy issues as cuts impact more than funding.

11. **OAPP REPORT:** There was no additional discussion.

12. **HIV EPIDEMIOLOGY REPORT:** There was no report.

13. **PREVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE (PPC) REPORT:** There was no additional discussion.

14. **CONSUMER CAUCUS REPORT:** There was no additional discussion.

15. **NEXT STEPS:** There were no new items.

16. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** There were no announcements.

17. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.